

# SENATE WATCH

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## FINAL PASSAGE

### SB 318 (Basham)

Senate Bill 318 increases minimum wage by 2 dollars over 2 years. The minimum wages rises to \$5.90 starting July 1, 2005, \$6.65 in January 1, 2006, and \$7.15 in January 1, 2007. The amended bill raises the minimum wage to \$6.95 in October 2006, \$7.15 in July 2007, and \$7.40 in July 2008.

- Motion to discharge SB 318 from committee was passed [no RC].
- SB 318 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Bills.
- Sikkema 1 was adopted [RC 131: 35 yes, 0 no].
- SB 318 passed [RC 132: 35 yes, 0 no].
- Reconsideration of the vote by which SB 318 passed was not reconsidered [no RC].

# **RESOLUTIONS**

#### SR 71 (Schauer)

A resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to increase funding for home heating assistance to cope with the rise in natural gas costs expected this winter.

• Motion to discharge SR 71. Motion to pass for the day [RC 130: 22 yes, 13 no], the resolution was passed for the day.